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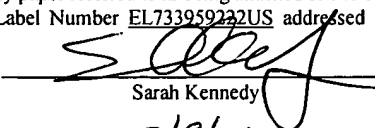
Preliminary to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

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1. (Amended) [A method of treatment of] Use of non-corrosive hard particle abrasion to
2 treat a rolling element bearing component, [by hard particle abrasion of the component] the hard
3 particle abrasion including the steps of:
4 immersing the bearing component in a receptacle containing hard particles; and
5 agitating the bearing component and/or hard particles to produce relative movement
6 therebetween and to improve the surface topography of the component.

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